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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 84-62

May 29, 1984

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Dear Mr. Curry:

In a letter to this office you questioned whether a Dillon city police officer is required to be bonded. In your letter you stated that there is no city ordinance which makes such a requirement. Your further stated that your research failed to disclose any state statutory provisions making such a requirement.

Please be advised that I am in agreement with you that there appear to be no state statutes which specifically require that a city police officer be bonded. There are, however, numerous other state statutes which require that certain other law-enforcement officers be bonded, e.g., Sections 23-3-20 (SLED agents), 23-1-70 (state constables), 22-9-20 (magistrates' constables), 23-28-20 (reserve police officers), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

While there appear to be no state statutes requiring specifically that city police officers be bonded, as you referenced, [Section 17-13-90, Code of Laws of South Carolina](#), 1976, states that ' . . . only law-enforcement officers under bond shall be permitted to execute a search warrant.' Referencing such requirement, you questioned whether a blanket bond obtained by the City of Dillon, which you indicated covers Dillon city police officers, is sufficient to meet the requirements of such provision.

Upon review of the copy of the blanket bond which you furnished to this office, it is the opinion of this office that such blanket bond is sufficient to meet the requirements of [Section 17-13-90](#), supra. Therefore, it does not appear that any separate bond would have to be obtained.

If there are any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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